

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-5 and 7-15 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 4 and 9 are amended to incorporate the Examiner's recommendations. No new matter is added by the above amendment. In view of at least the following, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

I. Interview Summary

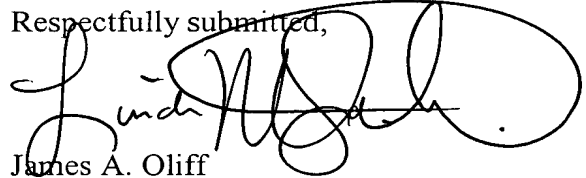
Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representatives by Examiner Woldermariam in the November 25, 2008 telephone interview, and by Examiner Ahmed in a subsequent November 25, 2008 telephone interview. Applicants' hereby amend the claims as suggested by the Examiners during the telephone interviews.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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